

fire of questions in an effort to entangle her.

She replied, her voice now rising to an almost hysterical pitch. Now quivering into sobs, she either leaned, as if weakening, against the railing of the dock, or gesticulated wildly. She launched at last into a continuous outcry, proclaiming her innocence, denouncing the prosecutor.

De Valles was on his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, trying to drown out her pleadings. As she paused at last, he declared:

"You must restrain these outbursts of feminine temper."

"And you, Monsieur Le President," she parried quickly.

There was a novel published forty years ago in which a murder was done by people in black robes. You read it when you were sixteen, and on that you planned your crimes," declared the judge.

Again she was a match for him. "At sixteen," she said, "I was flirting, not planning to commit a crime twenty-four years later."

Makes Confession.

The prosecutor came to the aid of the president, and also one of the associate judges. For ten minutes the three of them shouted and stormed at the woman, who stood haggard and exhausted, clinging to the edge of the dock and trying her best to answer the halting of the three at once.

It was just as she seemed ready to drop that M. Aubin, her counsel, stood up abruptly, stopping the turmoil. He said a letter had just been handed to him, which he wished to read. He added: "Doubtless we have all received many just such letters from cranks."

He read the missive amid impressive silence. It said: "I am the red-haired woman. I declare that I am an accomplice in the murder of Steinheil. I am the red-haired woman. I have the wig in my pocket."

(Signed) "JEAN LEFEVRE."

Immediately she shrank into the courtroom the saw-toothed judge, who, in a whining, Apache voice, declared: "I am the red-haired woman."

The newsmen proved to be a man of about twenty-one years. Amid the greatest excitement he demanded a hearing. Refusing to reply to the preliminary inquiries, he was pronounced mad and delirious. The young man shouted that he had been an accomplice in the assassination of Adolph Steinhilf and Mme. Japy.

As the audience was hushed into silence in its effort to hear what he had to say, Jean Lefevre said:

"I was an accomplice in the assassinations at the home of Mme. Steinhilf. Filled with remorse, I wish now to confess my part in the crimes. I was disgusted at a man who wore a wig of red hair. My accomplices wore long cloaks. We committed the murders and then escaped to the forest of Mount Morency, where we burned our disguises."

Ruse Is Suspected.

Judge De Valles ordered that Lefevre be placed under arrest and that an investigation of his statement be made. At the same time the court announced that the young man's statement might prove to have been another attempt to baffle justice.

The police are inclined to believe that Lefevre's story is fictitious and the product of a madman's delirium. The fact of one who had been turned through brooding over the case or even by the attractiveness of the woman involved.

Flames Are Spreading Rapidly Through the Forests on the Blue Ridge.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WINCHESTER, VA., November 4.—Fanned by high winds a fire is raging on the Great North Mountains west of Winchester, and besides destroying much valuable timber and fencing, threatens the homes of the residents along the mountain side.

The undergrowth is dry as powder, and the flames travel with great rapidity. Fire-fighters are at work, but are making little progress.

Massachusetts Mountain Affre. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WOODSTOCK, VA., November 4.—Forest fires, driven by a strong wind, are destroying thousands of dollars' worth of property in the summer resort of Oriskany Springs. A number of cottages have been burned, and it is feared that the large hotel building cannot be saved. Massachusetts Mountain east of here are also on fire, and much damage is being done.

All Around Roanoke. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ROANOKE, VA., November 4.—Fire, which has been raging on the mountains around Roanoke for several days, is to-night burning over a large territory. The flames are being fanned by a strong wind, and the fire is to-night burning over a large territory. The flames are being fanned by a strong wind, and the fire is to-night burning over a large territory.

Sussex Circuit Court. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SUSSEX, VA., November 4.—The November term of Sussex Circuit Court convened Wednesday with Hon. James M. Moore, judge of the Third Judicial Circuit, on the bench. The court was attended by the late Judge of the circuit, Hon. Jesse F. West, who was attending the funeral of Congressman F. R. Lassiter.

The docket was called and the Commonwealth cases either continued until next day or next term on account of the absence of Commonwealth Attorney William B. Cooke, who was also attending the funeral of Mr. Lassiter. A few law motions and civil cases were disposed of.

Wythe County. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WYTHEVILLE, VA., November 4.—The official vote of Wythe county shows that 2,152 votes were cast in the county, of which Mann received 864; Kent, 1,245; Elyson, 875; Lincoln, 1,221; Williams, 888; Revercomb, 1,232; James, 823; Locke, 1,192; Harman, 1,232; Crupper, 1,208; Eglington, 875; Brent, 1,209; Keltner, 875; Robinson, 1,187. The Republican majority for Governor is 351, and for the House of Delegates 210.

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IN CONVENTION IN NEWPORT NEWS

Eleventh Annual Session of Baptist Woman's Missionary Union.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEWPORT NEWS, VA., November 4.—The eleventh annual session of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of the United States is in session at the Baptist Church of Newport News, the first day's session being called to order yesterday afternoon with a large attendance.

Each Woman's Missionary Society in the Baptist Churches of the State is entitled to one delegate, as is also each Young Woman's Auxiliary, Chapter of Royal Ambassadors and Sunbeam Band. A majority of the above named societies have delegates in attendance.

The Richmond Delegates. Those in attendance from the Richmond churches are Mrs. George W. McDaniel, Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, Mrs. William Elyson, Mrs. G. F. Williams, Mrs. W. S. Leake, Mrs. Alta Foster, Mrs. W. S. Lockett, Mrs. John S. Harwood, Mrs. Charles Winston, Mrs. W. C. Lewis, Mrs. E. J. Parrish, Mrs. W. C. James, Miss Daisy Winston, Mrs. A. L. Holladay and Miss Caroline Holladay.

The present officers of the union are Mrs. G. W. McDaniel, president; Mrs. George A. Schmelz, of Hampton, and Mrs. George S. Luck, of Roanoke, vice-presidents; Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, of Richmond, secretary; Miss Alta Foster, of Richmond, recording secretary; Mrs. W. S. Lockett, of Richmond, assistant recording secretary; B. A. Jacobs, of Richmond, treasurer; Mrs. William Elyson, of Richmond, auditor; Mrs. George A. Williams, of Richmond, permanent secretary; Mrs. W. S. Leake, of Richmond, Young Woman's Auxiliary leader.

The reports of the executive committee tell of greatly enlarged work of the Baptist women of the State during the past year and the largest contributions to the enterprises of the union. The union will hold three daily sessions until Monday night.

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## FARMERS' HOLD BUSY SESSION

National Congress Opens in Raleigh With a Large Attendance.

RALEIGH, N. C., November 4.—The Farmers' National Congress has had a busy day, and to-night the report is that over thirty States are represented, with an attendance of between 500 and 600.

The addresses of the morning were heard by an audience of about 1,500 in Pullen Hall, at the Agricultural and Mechanical College, where, following the invocation by Bishop Cheshire, of the North Carolina Diocese, there were welcoming addresses on the part of the city by President Royner, of the Chamber of Commerce; on the part of the college, by Dr. D. H. Hill, its president; and by Governor W. W. Kitchin, for the State.

The responses were by Hon. Joshua Strange, of Marion, Ind. and Dr. Paul Barringer, president of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Then came the addresses of Hon. H. C. Kitchin, of Washington, former Secretary of the Navy, and of Hon. James Bryce, British ambassador, to the United States.

Address by Director Knapp.

In the afternoon there was an address by Dr. S. A. Knapp, director of demonstration work, United States Department of Agriculture, who spoke on the paramount issue in agricultural life, setting out the needs of the farmer and how they should be met.

Hon. J. Hampton Moore, member of the House of Representatives from Philadelphia, and president of the Atlantic Deep Waterways Association, spoke on the need of better transportation facilities in this country and showed how the need could be met with water transportation, his address being a plea for the development of the waterways.

The annual address of Colonel Benjamin Cameron, of Raleigh, president of the Farmers' National Congress, closed the afternoon session. He spoke of what the congress had done in the past year and made recommendations for its future work.

The congress will on Friday visit Durham to inspect the tobacco industry, and on Saturday will visit the great cotton mill, paying also a visit to Guilford Battlefield, returning here at 10 o'clock Friday night. This trip is given by Durham and Greensboro Chambers of Commerce.

Mr. Bryce's Address.

Mr. Bryce expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet so large a group of farmers and to hear of the work of many parts of the country, and especially from the South.

The pleasure was all the greater, he said, because he could congratulate them on the amazing progress which the South has been making. He first visited it twenty-eight years ago. It was then just beginning to recover from the effects of the war and of the troubles of the times that had followed.

Of two things, he said, he was very sure. One was because his observation of other countries and other parts of the United States had enabled him to form some opinion. For the full development of agriculture, and especially for the development of the Southern States, he pointed out, two things were especially needed. One was the adequate application of science to the cultivation of the soil. As respects labor, every one who knew the South knew that the difficulties were not so much in the lack of labor as in the lack of opportunity for the laborer to develop his own resources.

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Telephone Cable Severed.

As a result of the blaze a large telephone cable running out to Barton Heights and Highland Park, carrying between 300 and 400 connections, was completely severed, cutting off all communication from telephone service. Even before the fire was out Manager Tanner had a message sent to the city engineers, and it is expected that it will be replaced by the time the fire is out. The interior wires have to be connected separately. It will require careful tests to make the proper repairs.

Fire in Fairmont.

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